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definite notification to Moscow, he began to prepare the ground in that direction. Maturally Moscow opposed this, because a great part of the products of Yugoslavia which were being exported to the Soviet Union would necessarily be diverted to the West. This is the shief reason for the break between Moscow and Belgrade. This happened not because Tito diverged from Communist principles but because he wanted to schieve greater results in the economic field and in the more complete communisation of his country, although it was impossible to realize these two objectives simultaneously. Thus he postponed the communization of the peasants, because he thought first of all that the opposition of the peasants would paralyze the application and success of the Five-Year Plan. Furthermore one should not forget the quarrel between Dimitrov of Bulgaria and Tito, not only because of their individual

5. To this should be added the disagreement between Moscow and Belgrade on the question of foreign policy. Tito was convinced that Yugoslavia was not sufficiently stable to withstand a new war.

megalomania, but also over the question of Macedonia.

- 6. This disagreement between Moscow and Belgrade brought economic chaos into Yugoslavia. For this reason Tito was compelled to give up his Five-Year Plan, and temporarily he has planned priority projects for only one year. It is significant that Yugoslavia, in her negotiations with the Western states regarding commercial agreements, now insists that these shall be long-term agreements, and not temporary or one-year agreements as was the case originally. It is also significant that the willingness to compromise on the part of the representatives of Yugoslavia in the framing of commercial agreements with the Western Democracies indicates that Tito is trying by all means to secure the indispensable materials so that he will not have to postpone his principal projects.
- 7. Informant thinks that the commercial agreements with the West mean that Tito is not likely to turn completely towards the West or to desert his Communist principles. Still less does informant believe that Tito through these acts is preparing the ground for asylum for himself in the Western Democracies.

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